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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the October 6, 2006 Final Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due January 6, 2007 and this initial response is filed before two months after the mailing of the Final Office Action. See MPEP 714.13. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The Amendments are submitted solely to place the present application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the Specification;
2. Amendments to the Claims; and
3. Remarks.

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